TOURNAMENTS

FIDE Open Championship

Open to all players
English players entering the FIDE Open must be ECF
Gold or Platinum members.

The Major Tournament

For players graded below 170

The Minor Tournament

For players graded below 135

Players entering the Major or Minor Tournaments must be ECF Silver members (or above) or pay £7 ECF Pay to Play fee.

If you are playing in the Open Section and do not have a FIDE ID, please contact your preferred National Federation before the event. At present, changing your nationality with FIDE will cost you money, so make sure you are listed with the Federation that you wish to belong to.

ENTRY FEES

| FIDE Open | Non English and ECF Gold or Platinum English Silver/Bronze members need to upgrade to Gold via the ECF office | |
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| Major/Minor | ECF Silver and above ECF Bronze or non ECF member | £25 £32 |

Entries post marked after 19 August add £5.00

Entries after noon on Friday 25 August, add £15

Pay on-line at:

http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/18/home

TIMETABLE

Saturday 26 August

Opening Ceremony: 9:25 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Round 1 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Round 2

Sunday 27 August

9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Round 3 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Round 4

Monday 28 August

9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Round 5 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Round 6

Missing players will be defaulted after 30 minutes from the start of the round. Their opponents will be re-paired if possible.

Time controls are "All moves in 1 hour 50 minutes plus 10 seconds per move" for all sections.

GRADES / RATINGS

FIDE ratings will be used for the FIDE Open. ECF grades may be converted to estimated ratings for unrated players.

ECF grades will be taken from the Summer ECF list, if possible. Otherwise, other lists may be used at the organisers' discretion.

Players without a grade must give full information regarding their playing strength, including their best previous results and / or their highest grade.

The Organisers reserve the right to transfer an entrant to another section.

PRIZES

| FIDE Open | | Major & Minor | | |
|-----------|------|---------------|--|--|
| 1st | £250 | 1st £200 | | |
| 2nd | £100 | 2nd £100 | | |
| 3rd | £50 | 3rd £50 | | |

plus Grading Prizes of £40 each

FIDE OPEN MAJOR – U170 MINOR – U135

The organisers reserve the right to redistribute in whole or in part any prize won by a competitor who has won or shared another prize.

A prizewinners list will be available on the website.

Harry Marsden Memorial Trophy

The Leyland Chess Congress Shield, in memory of Harry Marsden, will be awarded to the highest scoring player, in any section, who is South Ribble resident or a member of Leyland Chess Club. Tiebreaks: Sum of Progressive scores, then the Sum of Opponents score. It is the player's responsibility to make sure they are registered for this prize.

British Championship Qualifier

The Open Tournament is part of the 2017/18 British Championships Grand Prix.

Disputes

The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final.

ENTRY FORM

Send to: Leyland Chess Congress 45 Beechfields, Eccleston, CHORLEY. PR7 5RF Cheques payable to Leyland Chess Congress Pay on-line at:

| http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/18/home |
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| Name: |
| Address: |
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| Section: Grade: |
| Club: |
| Telephone No: |
| FIDE Fide ID. No. |
| (FIDE Open Only) ECF Membership Number |
| ECF Grading Code |
| Bye? Circle round number if required: 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Entry Fee £ |
| Late Fee (£5) - after 19 August 2017 £ |
| TOTAL (Cheque / Postal Order / Cash) £ |
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| Your address & email will be held on file for 3 years & used to contact you before our congresses, unless you tell us otherwise. |

VENUE

The school is only 5 minutes from the M6 Exit 28.

Refreshments are available

There is free car parking.

Exit the motorway at junction 28 and turn left (from north and south) towards Leyland. Go straight across at the double roundabout onto King Street. You pass the Commercial Vehicle Museum on your left and then come to a set of traffic lights. Turn right at the lights. Take the first exit at the mini roundabout on to school lane. Take the first left into Yewlands Drive. The school is at the end of the drive.

School web site: www.wellfield-high.lancsngfl.ac.uk

On-line Entry & Payment

You can pay by Debit/Credit Card or PayPal. Visit the following web site:

http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/18/home

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Wellfield High School

Yewlands Drive, Leyland PR25 2TP

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND Saturday 26th to Monday 28th August 2017

This congress is an ECF GRADED EVENT

The Open Tournament is part of the 2017/18 British Championships Grand Prix.

The Open is also FIDE rated

Three Tournaments FIDE Open, Major & Minor

FIDE Open Major & Minor

1st £250 1st £200

2nd £100 2nd £100

3rd £50 3rd £50

and 3 grading prizes of £40

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